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¶1. (U) Following last week,s violent conflict in Huanuni and failed talks with the government (reftel), the Cooperative Mining Federation threatened to blockade roads throughout the country or march to La Paz if the government does not agree to provide compensation for the victims, families and for the destruction that occurred during the fighting by midnight October 13. Meanwhile, the GOB is continuing talks with the state-owned mining workers, who are demanding nationalization of all Bolivian mines. Around 1,500 members of the State-owned Mining Federation and the Bolivian Workers, Union marched through El Alto and downtown La Paz on October 10, resulting in minor clashes in El Alto. The new mining minister announced that the GOB,s national mining plan will be released on October 31.
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